

**Overview: LAAC Chief Academic Officer (CAO) Convenings and Resource Sharing
November 15, 2018
Action Item for LAAC Vote**

Background

The Los Angeles Advocacy Council (LAAC) is a local and statewide model for collective action and advocacy that has helped to unite the entire Los Angeles charter community to improve the LAUSD authorizing environment. By raising shared concerns related to policy issues such as renewal, oversight, and facilities access, the Council has harnessed the shared resources and support of its membership and the broader charter community to make positive change for students and families.

With the transition to SBAC and with changes at the state and local level around charter authorizing, oversight, and accountability, it is more important than ever that the movement remain focused on improving student academic outcomes. The LA charter community has strong organization school-level supports and resources, but has not maximized the potential to improve student outcomes by sharing resources, best practices and supports by creating an infrastructure for academic collaboration.

Objective

Leverage the trusting relationships and collaborative orientation of the LAAC to improve outcomes for all public school students by convening LAAC members' CAOs to share best practices, and create an infrastructure for school-to-school resource sharing.

Proposal

All LAAC members have the opportunity to engage their CAOs or other academic lead in the LAAC's Pilot CAO Collaborative which will include in 2018-19:

- Quarterly CAO convenings
- "Critical Friends" visits with three other LAAC members' schools

Additionally, LAAC members will have access to shared resources including:

- Shared salary scales
- Shared organization charters

LAAC Vote

Approve and participate in the LAAC Pilot CAO Collaborative and resource sharing and direct CCSA staff to support logistics around convenings and resource collection.